

FOUR CENTER HITS MADE WITH EIGHT-INCH GUNS

Remarkable Record by One of the Pointers of the Battleship Indiana's Crew Arouses Enthusiasm.

Glowing reports have been received by the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, concerning the recent target practice on board the North Atlantic fleet, near Martha's Vineyard. The shooting was mostly with 8-inch and 10-inch guns, and the results achieved by the gun pointers are remarkable.

In a personal letter just received by a prominent officer of the navy, in the Bureau of Navigation, interesting statements are made about the target practice. The range at which the practice took place was from 1,400 to 1,600 yards. The letter says:

Holds the Record Now.

"You may tell Admiral Henry C. Taylor that his command (the battleship Indiana) has covered herself with glory and now holds the record for 6-inch and 8-inch guns. The 6-inch guns made an average of 75 per cent of hits, and the rate of hitting per minute was excellent. Of course we had the advantage of all mistakes made by other ships that fired before we did, and we talked it all over with the pointers and keyed the gun crews up to the top notch. At the end of the strings, when we went to the tar-

gets, the entire crew was on the fore-castle, and when it was announced that the Indiana had the best score the enthusiasm and cheering were tremendous.

"Then came the 8-inch guns, and it was the finest shooting I have ever seen, both for accuracy and rapidity. They made a percentage of 87.5, and the firing was much faster than any of our 8-inch guns have ever done before.

Four Sensational Shots.

"The last string of four shots was very sensational, as the pointer accomplished something that has probably never been done before. He put all four shots through the bull's-eye, which is only fifty inches square.

"The enthusiasm following the fourth bull's-eye was something worth seeing. As soon as the pointer came out of the turret he was seized by as many men as could get hold of him, and in spite of his struggles, in which his clothes were pretty nearly torn off, he was carried up on the pilot house and presented to the captain; then all the officers of the ship and umpires shook hands with him, and he was carried down again."

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

DAHL INQUEST CLOSED.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 18.—The coroner's jury in the Dahl case, composed of George Bryan, foreman, and R. E. Knight, C. P. C. Timberman, L. Ruben, W. P. R. Taylor, and S. P. Fisher, reconvened at Demaine's undertaking rooms, in King Street, yesterday evening. The same witnesses as had been examined previously by the mayor appeared before the coroner's jury and gave their testimony. After deliberating a short time the jury brought in a verdict that the Norwegian sailor, Frederic Dahl, came to his death by a spike being run into his brain over his left eye, the spike being in the hands of parties unknown to the jury. Immediately after the inquest the negro William Simms, alias Simmons, was taken back to the stationhouse, but on his way there in company with Policeman Gill, Simms used profane language and threatened one of the witnesses against him. The mayor this morning had Simms brought before him and told him of the result of the coroner's inquest, and then dismissed him. He was subsequently arrested, however, upon the charge of using profane language on the streets and was sent to the chain gang for thirty days.

HYDRAULIC ORGANIZE.

About thirty-five members of the seceding Hydraulion Fire Engine Company held a meeting at the office of M. B. Harlow & Co., in Fairfax Street, last night, and organized the Veterans Hydraulion Firemen's Association, with Mr. Harlow as the president. A committee reported that they had removed all the property of the old Hydraulion company from the engine house, and another committee was appointed to secure quarters at the City Hotel for the association. It is intended to start a social organization composed of the members of the old Hydraulion company.

MAYOR'S COURT CASES.

In the mayor's court, the Hon. George L. Simpson, presiding, the following cases were disposed of: James Self, arrested for attempt to assault William W. Simpson with a knife was fined \$5. Elsie Brown, using abusive language toward Mamie Kidd was fined \$5. Mamie Kidd, using abusive language toward Elsie Brown was fined \$5. Charles Quail, throwing stones at Elsie Brown, was dismissed.

GOLD WATCH STOLEN.

Charles Earle reported to Lieutenant Smith of the police department today that some one had stolen an open-faced gold-filled watch from his coat, which was hanging in the roundhouse of the Southern Railway in this city.

INSPECTING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Lambert D. Lyles, the scaler of weights and measures, is making a tour of the town inspecting the scales and measures of the storekeepers.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

During the storm yesterday afternoon lightning struck the chimney of the electric light works shattering it completely.

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NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

Southern Report.

The Southern has issued its annual report, for the year ended June 30. The report shows that the gross earnings have increased, \$1,265,861, or 11.49 per cent, and net earnings \$473,152, an increase of 4.34 per cent. Total income increased \$886,260, and a balance of \$3,707,477, is shown for the year. From this, one dividend of \$1,500,000 was paid, and an equal amount reserved for the dividend payable in October, leaving \$707,477 to be carried to the credit of profit and loss. This is a decrease of \$1,293,420 as compared with 1902. The balance to credit of profit and loss is now \$5,962,561.

The increase in operating expenses for the year was \$3,892,708, or 14.37 per cent. Of these, conducting transportation cost \$2,621,913, or about 60 per cent of the total increase in gross earnings for the year. The increased cost of fuel accounted for 29 per cent of these increased charges, and \$1,377,311, or 53 per cent, was in cost of train, station, and terminal expenses, due partly to increased wages and to increased cost of material.

To the gross earnings of \$42,354,059 for the year, passenger traffic contributed \$13,698,277, an increase of 11.35 per cent over 1902. The passenger train earnings per mile were \$1.921, an increase of 8.26 per cent. Freight traffic contributed \$28,655,782, an increase of 11.67 as compared with the previous year. The freight train earnings per mile of road were \$3.938, an increase of 8.57 per cent. The number of tons carried totaled 19,197,484, an increase of 13.59.

In his report to the stockholders, President Samuel Spencer says that the increase in "income from other sources" of \$386,752 is due chiefly to dividends on Mobile and Ohio stock pledged for the certificates, dividends on Monon stock and interest on Georgia and Florida Railway Company and other bonds owned by the Southern. The income account for the year includes the results of operation of the South Carolina and Georgia Extension Railroad Company.

Funded debt increased \$9,538,421 during the year, the additions including the joint bonds of \$5,894,321, issued with the Louisville and Nashville on the Monon purchase. Equipment trust certificates amounting to \$3,200,000 were issued for 3,600 freight cars, eighty-nine locomotives and other rolling stock. The total charges to capital account during the year for real estate, extensions, second tracks, and equipment were \$3,634,884.

Among the properties taken over and investments made during the year were the Southern Railway-Carolina division, the securities of the St. Johns River Terminal Company, owning important freight terminals in Jacksonville, and the securities of the Atlantic, Valdosta and Western Railway. The road arranged for New Orleans terminals by the purchase of the outstanding first mortgage bonds and capital stock of the New Orleans Belt and Terminal Company, which is to be consolidated with the New Orleans Terminal Company, organized by Frisco interests. An interest was acquired also in the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis.

Revisions of grade and curves and improvements in yard facilities were made throughout the system, the charges to maintenance of way and structures amounting to \$5,733,997, a decrease of .58 per cent.

Norfolk and Western Plans.
The report that the Norfolk and Western Railroad intends to make another attempt to build into Washington has created much interest in business circles, and today it is said when the larger commercial and kindred organizations

get together this fall they are to pass resolutions approving the plan. An officer of one of these organizations said this morning that resolutions are to be prepared by his association in a few days, and they would be sent to the officers of the railroad and the members of the District Committees of Congress when that body meets.

If the railroad really intends to build into Washington the task is not going to be a big one. The line has already been surveyed from Front Royal to Warrenton, and the engineers say the construction work is not going to be either heavy or expensive. There are no mountains to cut, and only one bridge to be constructed. The distance from Front Royal to Washington is sixty miles. An officer of the company said last night that the road could be constructed in two and one-half months. The same officer is of the opinion that Congress, at the coming session, is going to be more liberal than heretofore.

Virginia Taxation.

The hearings of the corporation commission on the assessment of railroads and steamship companies was continued at Richmond today. The hearings are to be continued a week. At the end of the sessions the commission is going to be ready to announce the amount of tax for all of the railroads and steamship companies must pay the State.

Coal Mines Closed.

The anthracite collieries of the Pennsylvania Railroad around Hazleton have been closed for two days because of the light demand for the coal. The Reading is to take similar action in a few days.

Tennessee's War.

The war between the Southern and the Louisville and Nashville in the Tennessee Mountains, near Oliver Springs, was renewed, so dispatches say, this morning. The trouble seems to be because of the determined attempt the Louisville and Nashville is making to invade territory which has been regarded as exclusively Southern. Yesterday at Brookside the trouble was renewed, when the Louisville and Nashville put one hundred men to work to construct a track up to the Brookside cotton mills from Knoxville. The Southern attempted to prevent the construction of these tracks and ran engines out on spurs of its own tracks. This did not bother the Louisville and Nashville men the least. They crossed Southern property at will, and in one instance tore up a Southern track and laid Louisville and Nashville rails in place of it. So far there has been no bloodshed, but the men are willing to fight.

Demand More Wages.

The Lehigh Valley engineers and firemen have made several demands for an increase in wages, averaging from 10 to 20 per cent, but owing to the prevailing conditions the officials informed them that it would be impossible to make any concessions at present. It is said, however, that the company will take the question up later. The men show no apparent uneasiness, as they believe a rearrangement of the schedule will be made in due time. The trainmen along the line are expected to present a similar grievance next week.

Quick Delivery.

The Lehigh and Wabash Dispatch, a fast freight line, in connection with the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific from Chicago, recently made a quick delivery of two carloads of wagons from this city to Minneapolis. The cars were shipped from here via the Dispatch Line on Thursday, August 27, and were delivered to the consignee at Minneapolis on the following Tuesday, September 1.

HYATTSVILLE NOTES.

HYATTSVILLE, Md., Sept. 18.—The project of sewers for Hyattsville is attracting much attention among the citizens and taxpayers. The success of the waterworks, obtained by a bonded indebtedness of \$30,000, has removed all the objection which existed against that enterprise and has paved the way for a calmer consideration of increased indebtedness for sewers if an adequate system can be installed for an amount within the remaining bonding opportunities of the town. At the last meeting of the town council a committee of two citizens from each ward was appointed to act in conjunction with the council to determine the feasibility of the project. The committee held its first meeting last night in the office of Judge Carr. It organized by electing Dr. C. A. Wells chairman and R. E. White, secretary. After much discussion of the enterprise in general, a subcommittee consisting of Dr. Joseph R. Owens, Dr. Joseph A. Mudd, and R. F. White was appointed to confer with city engineers and obtain plans and estimates of cost.

Studies at the Maryland Agricultural College began yesterday with a large enrollment of students. The examinations for scholarships were held Tuesday and Wednesday. Dr. Joseph R. Owens, E. A. Fuller, and R. W. Wells were the Hyattsville visitors to the Democratic State Convention at Baltimore, Wednesday evening.

LOCAL MENTION.

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Struck by Awning.

M. Margaret Stewart, fifty-seven years old, of 1915 T Street northwest, was passing the Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at Fifteenth and G Streets, during the high wind yesterday afternoon, when the awning was blown down and struck her. She was not injured.

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Battered Up in a Fight.

A fight occurred late yesterday afternoon near Ninth Street and Louisiana Avenue northwest between Richard Fitzgerald and Solomon Stern, employees of Golden, Love & Co. Fitzgerald had to be taken to the Emergency Hospital for treatment.

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Fire Caused by Explosion.

The explosion of a gasoline stove set fire to the house of W. R. Colbert, at 456 Ridge Street northwest, yesterday afternoon. No. 2 engine company put out the flames with a loss of \$75.

Beware of Typhoid Fever.

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Genuine \$5, \$6, and \$7 Sample Shoes.

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NEWS FROM ROCKVILLE.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Sept. 18.—Arthur G. Purdy, aged twenty-two years, and Grace Lee Matthews, aged eighteen years, both of Washington, D. C., were married at this place, Wednesday afternoon, by the Rev. T. H. Campbell. The same evening the same minister married at his residence, George Fischer, aged twenty-one years and five months, and Minerva Harrington, aged twenty years, both of Washington, D. C.

Other marriage licenses issued here were to William D. Barry, Jr., and Nellie N. Connick, and James A. Franklin Henley, aged thirty-seven years, and Annie E. A. Anderson. The former couple is from Prince George county, and the latter from Montgomery.

MILL SHUTS DOWN WHEN WORKERS GO ON STRIKE

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 18.—Sixty-five weavers of the Corset Worsted Company, Millville, struck yesterday because of the presence of a weaver who was a strike breaker for the American Woolen Company. The help in the new mill also struck for the same reason. The agent refused to discharge the man, and shut down indefinitely when the help went out.

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FOREIGN MAILS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., POSTOFFICE NOTICE. Should be read daily, as changes may occur at any time.

FOREIGN MAILS are dispatched to the ports of sailing daily, and the schedule of closings is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted overland transit. For the week ending September 19, 1903, the last connecting closes will be made from the MAIN OFFICE as follows:

Trans-Atlantic Mails.
FRIDAY—(a) At 12 m. for AZORES ISLANDS, per s.s. Cambrian, from Boston. (b) At 9:15 p.m. for FRANCE, per s.s. La Gascogne, from New York, via Havre. Mail for other parts of EUROPE must be directed "Per s.s. La Gascogne." (c) At 11:25 p.m. for BELGIUM direct, per s.s. Vaderland, from New York. Mail must be directed "Per s.s. Vaderland." (d) At 11:25 p.m. for EUROPE, per s.s. Campania, from New York, via Queenstown. (e) At 11:25 p.m. for SOUTH AFRICA, per s.s. Columbia, from New York. Mail must be directed "Per s.s. Columbia." NOTE—The s.s. Deutschland takes Printed Matter, Commercial Papers, and Samples for GERMANY only. The same class of mail matter for other parts of EUROPE will not be sent by this ship unless specially directed by her.

Mails for South and Central America, West Indies, Etc.
FRIDAY—(a) At 11:25 p.m. for BERMUDA, per steamer from Halifax. (b) At 6:30 a.m. for ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, and PARAGUAY, per s.s. Algan Prince, from New York. (c) At 6:05 p.m. for ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, and PARAGUAY, per s.s. Corunda, from New York. (d) At 11:25 p.m. for PORTO RICO, CUBA, and VENEZUELA, per s.s. Caracas, from New York. Mail for CUBA and CAYMAN ISLANDS must be directed "Per s.s. Caracas." (e) At 11:25 p.m. for FORTUNE ISLAND, JAMAICA, SAVANNAH, and CANTAGENA, per s.s. Altai, from New York. Mail for CUBA must be directed "Per s.s. Altai." (f) At 11:25 p.m. for JAMAICA, HAITI, and SANTIAGO, per s.s. Athos, from New York. (g) At 11:25 p.m. for HAITI, per s.s. Prima Willem V. from New York. Mail for CUBA, VENEZUELA, TRINIDAD, BRITISH and DUTCH GUIANA must be directed "Per s.s. Prima Willem V."

CUBA MAILS close here daily, except Thursdays at 3 p.m. (h), the connecting closes being on Wednesdays and Saturdays, via Tampa, Fla., and on Mondays, via Miami, Fla. MEXICO overland, unless specially addressed for dispatch per steamers sailing from New York, close here daily at 10:30 a.m. (i) and 10 p.m. (j). Mails for NEWFOUNDLAND, by rail to North Sydney and thence via steamer, close here daily except Sundays at 12 m. (k), and on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. (l), the connecting closes being on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Mails for JAMAICA, by rail to Boston and thence via steamer, close here Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 m. (m). Mails for MIQUELON, by rail to Boston and thence via steamer, close here daily except Sundays at 12 m. (n), and on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. (o). Mails for BELIZE, PUERTO CORTEZ and GUATEMALA, by rail to New Orleans and thence via steamer, close here daily at 10:30 a.m. (p) and 12 p.m. (q), the connecting closes being on Mondays. Mails for COSTA RICA, by rail to New Orleans and thence via steamer, close here daily at 10:30 a.m. (r) and 10 p.m. (s), the connecting closes being on Tuesdays.

Trans-Pacific Mails.
HAWAII, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p.m. up to September 21, inclusive, for dispatch per s.s. Alameda. (a) CHINA, JAPAN, HAWAII, and specially addressed mail for the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p.m. up to September 24, inclusive, for dispatch per s.s. China. (b) PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p.m. up to September 26, inclusive, for dispatch per United States Transport. (c) CHINA AND JAPAN, via Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., close here daily at 6:30 p.m. up to September 29, inclusive, for dispatch per s.s. Empress of India. Merchandise for the United States Post Office Agency at San Francisco, Cal., cannot be forwarded via Canada. (d) AUSTRALIA (except mails for West Australia), NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, FIJI, SAMOA AND HAWAII, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:30 p.m. up to October 3, inclusive, for dispatch per s.s. Ventura. (e) AUSTRALIA (except mails for West Australia), FIJI ISLANDS AND NEW CALEDONIA (specially addressed only), via Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., close here daily at 6:30 p.m. up to October 10, inclusive, for dispatch per s.s. Miowera. (f) NOTE—Mails for COCHIN CHINA are dispatched from New York, N. Y., for connection with European steamers.

Unless otherwise addressed, WEST AUSTRALIA MAILS will be dispatched via Europe, and those for NEW ZEALAND and the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS via San Francisco, Cal.—the quickest routes. Mails for the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS specially addressed "Via Europe." Via Canada must be prepaid at the foreign rate of postage. Mails for HAWAII are dispatched via San Francisco, Cal., exclusively. REGISTERED MAILS close at the MAIN OFFICE as follows: (a) At 6:30 p.m. same day; (b) at 1:45 p.m. same day; (c) at 8:45 p.m. same day; (d) at 9:30 a.m. same day; (e) at 5:45 p.m. same day; (f) at 9:35 a.m. same day; (g) at 1:15 p.m. same day; (h) at 8:45 p.m. previous day; (i) at 7:30 a.m. same day. JOHN A. MERRITT, Postmaster.

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ACCUSED OF MAIL THEFT.

The United States commissioner in this city, R. W. P. Garnett, has issued a warrant for the arrest of a negro, Richard Mosby, charged with taking a registered letter from the Brickhaven postoffice.

EMANCIPATION DAY.

Emancipation Day will be celebrated by the negro residents of this city on the 22nd instant. The program of the day will consist of a parade, speeches at the fair grounds, and fireworks at night. A banquet will also be given at the Odd Fellows' Hall, in South Columbus Street, on that night.

CORNELIA JONES' WILL.

The will of Cornelia Jones, with codicil, was probated yesterday in the corporation court. She leaves her estate to her niece, Cornelia J. Packard. The will is witnessed by Virginia Miller, Sallie C. Fendall, and Alice J. Harrison, and the codicil by T. M. Fendall, Besie Lockhart, and Sallie C. U. Fendall. The testatrix expresses her regret that she was unable to increase her estate in such a manner as to make a larger devise.

REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Theresa Abele has bought from Douglas Stuart, commissioner, for \$1,200, the three-story brick house at the northwest corner of Lee and Queen Streets. The house was built during the fifties by James Smith, a well-known ship carpenter, and its building led to considerable improvements in that section of the city.

REAL ESTATE SALE CONFIRMED.

Judge Louis C. Barley, in the corporation court, has confirmed the sale of the real estate of the late J. P. Clarke, to E. W. Starnell and N. W. Moore. Douglas Stuart was appointed commissioner to convey same. This was in the case of B. Wheatley & Son vs. Martha Van Wick.

In the court yesterday the Rev. H. H. Warring qualified as administrator of the estate of the late James Arnold.

FUN FOR PUPILS.

William H. Greenwell, teacher of Washington School No. 3, will take his school on a "bus ride to Washington on Saturday, September 26.